



## **Open Space Committee**

Date: Thurs, June 23, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Present: Ann LeRoyer, David Morgan, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Shirley Canniff, Eliza Hatch, David White, Wendy Richter, Emily Nink

Absent: Brian Kelder, Brian McBride, Teresa DeBenedictis

Guests: Larry Slotnick

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Review/approve May 26, 2022, Minutes**

D. White motioned to accept the May 26, 2022, minutes. E. Carr-Jones seconded. All approved.

#### **2. Open Space and Recreation Plan 2022-2029 Update**

A. LeRoyer shared that the requisite approval letters had been requested of the Town entities that must sign off on the plan. A. LeRoyer reported that progress on the plan was presented to Town Meeting on June 6

The full committee discussed edits to the plan, including acknowledgements and minor changes to the text.

#### **3. CPA Project Updates**

D. Morgan described progress at Wellington Park and stated that the landscaper needs to complete work before the park is finalized.

D. Morgan reported that he will be issuing the RFP for Cooke's Hollow in the coming weeks for work to be completed in the next ten months.

#### **4. 40B Discussion**

No new updates were provided.

#### **5. Other News/Discussion**

A. LeRoyer raised the issue of reappointments to the committee. W. Richter, D. White, and A. LeRoyer are all slated to be reappointed at the next Select Board meeting.

A. LeRoyer stated that the Town Day Open Space Committee Booth was reserved. The committee agreed to staff the booth and decide a schedule at a date nearer to the event. A. LeRoyer said printed copies should be available by

then. S. Canniff suggested making the report available digitally to booth visitors and all agreed.

E. Nink inquired about the Foot of the Rocks concept resulting from a CPA grant. A. LeRoyer said that the Massachusetts Ave./Appleton St. transportation planning effort would inform any plans for the Foot of the Rocks in addition to the concept, which has not been finalized.

L. Slotnick joined the meeting and expressed concern about the scheduling of playing fields in town. S. Canniff explained the Park & Rec Commission's work to gather input from the community about scheduling (including the Field Day summit) and concerns about maintenance related to increased use. S. Canniff invited L. Slotnick to join a Park & Rec Commission meeting for further discussion.

L. Slotnick summarized Zero Waste Arlington's On Tap campaign to promote use of tap water for drinking over bottled water. Zero Waste Arlington will work with DPW, Facilities, and others to identify and install bottle refilling stations. S. Canniff asked if Zero Waste Arlington has identified weatherized refilling stations. L. Slotnick said that they have two such options and that Rep. Garballey had allocated \$50,000 in the state budget for installation of stations in Arlington.

W. Richter asked whether there is any update on the proposed mountain biking course at Hill's Hill. S. Canniff said there is no update, but further public meetings are upcoming.

D. Morgan provided an update on the Public Land Management Plan, which was approaching a second draft.

D. White mentioned an upcoming meeting about combined sewer overflows in the Alewife Brook would take place 6/29 at 6 PM and requested members attend.

## **6. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

**2022 Meeting Dates** (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday except Nov and Dec) July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8